

flagging in "prime time" for  
all related officials who  
share the honor & glory of  
serving their fellow Americans


A public office must be  
recognized as a trust  
office granted by the voters,  
fellow citizens. I cannot  
write the disgust & contempt  
in my mind & heart sores  
these bad officials engender.  
They dishonor the American  
system of public office.

Continue, please, more strongly  
your efforts to root them out  
let the public & court system  
finish the job. I shall send  
a copy of this letter to Pres. Reagan  
lauding your efforts and awarding  
you the honor of a job in office

Well Done

Yours sincerely  
[Redacted Signature]

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 n.y. Mr. William Webster  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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April 22, 1982

*Open - Re. p. 2 Re ABSCAM*

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Tenth and Pennsylvania Avenues, Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I heartily support your recent ABSCAM efforts.  
Ideally, elected officials should be able to resist  
corruption.

Years of history show otherwise; thus, many will  
avoid such temptation only through the fear of public  
exposure.

Sincerely,

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cc: The President

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April 22, 1982

The Honorable Alan Cranston  
United States Senator  
10960 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 410  
Los Angeles, California 90024

Dear Senator Cranston:

Your recent support of Harrison Williams' attempt to stay in the Senate is extremely disappointing. I would expect California elected officials to actively encourage high moral and ethical conduct. Your support of Senator Williams does just the opposite.

Senators are not expected to take blatant bribes regardless of the circumstances.

Equally disturbing is the possible inference I have drawn that you must be concerned that other members of the Senate would be unable to resist such illegal overtures.

Please demonstrate high standards of ethics and reverse your public stance on Senator Williams.

Sincerely,  
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cc: The President  
William H. Webster

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April 14, 1982

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington D.C. 20535

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Gentlemen: PUBLIC Response Re Abscon-

Please send me information about the  
history of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
I would also like any information about  
ABSCAM and BRILAB such as what it is and  
when it started. Any other additional information  
about important cases would be appreciated.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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April 21, 1992

Public Response Re MBE.com

Dear Mr. Webster,  
 Many elected officials have  
 for too long placed  
 themselves above the law.  
 I highly approve of your  
 elected practice and wish  
 to thank you for your  
 service to the public.

Yours truly,

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April 19, 1982

Director William H. Webster  
F. B. I.

Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Webster:

After reading your interview  
in today's Los Angeles Times  
regarding the Abscam investiga-  
tion I had to drop you this  
note of congratulations and  
pride in the conduct of  
the case. Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,

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SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON:

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I AM SHOCKED BY YOUR DERISIVE  
COMMENTS REGARDING THE FBI'S EFFORTS  
IN THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION.

I APPRECIATE THE FBI EFFORTS  
AND HOPE THEY CONTINUE.

EVERYONE OF YOUR CONVICTED  
ASSOCIATES WERE MATURE, WELL  
EDUCATED, MOST WERE PERHAPS  
ATTORNEYS AND SHOULD HAVE KNOWN  
RIGHT FROM WRONG. AS FAR AS  
FIRM CONCERNS AND OTHERS THAT  
I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT  
WITH "THEY VIOLATED THEIR TRUST  
AND ARE CHEAP CROOKS"

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IT'S TIME THAT HONESTY AND MORALITY  
START AT THE TOP. YOU MAKE THE LAWS,  
LIVE BY THEM! CLEAN UP YOUR ACT.

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PRaise THE FBI AND ANY OTHER AGENCY  
THAT SURFACES SIMILAR CORRUPTION

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COL. W. WEBSTER

Sincerely,



J. William Webster  
Chief: FBI  
Washington, D.C.

April 20, 1982

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The watergate affair,  
Abscam, and the FBI.

Public Response

I agree with Kenneth J. Walton, that the FBI was doing just what the American people, (Taxpayers) would have them do in the case of water gate and again in the Abscam caper. Yes, those who were convicted were the ones that were screaming to high heaven of the expert policing done by our highly skilled staff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is a way that these people who would put our FBI down, can determine what the people want of their Bureau, they can take it to the people, and very soon find out that the FBI will come across with flying colors. As stated by Mr. Walton, the only people that are complaining are those caught with their hands run to their elbows in the cookie jar. Only a criminal, need to fear the FBI; or any other law enforcement agency. They are there to catch crooks, not those going about the daily business of honest pursuits. Its time that the FBI fights back and launch their own campaign to overcome the image these media profiles are trying to project to the people of this nation. I was wild with delight; when it was announced that the FBI had caught many of those involved in the abscom thing. And very disturbed to see men who knew that what they had done, was wrong, trying to make the FBI out as the ones in the black hats. This has to be the greatest service of a government agency to the citizens of this country in this century. Congressmen, involved in the selling of their inheritance for a mess of pottage. Betrayal of the very people they were elected to serve. I am sure Mr. Walton, that the image, the real image that is of the FBI is secure in the eyes of the average American. And that they are proud of a job well done; by men who deserve a great deal of credit for what they did. I am sure to, that little heed will be paid to the mongers of hate, who would try to discredit them in our eyes. Do yourselves proud, men of the FBI, you have every right to do, just that.

Thank you sincerely,

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FBI  
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr Webster:  
Public Response Re Abscam  
a brief note to tell you that  
I am in complete agreement  
with the FBI "abscam"  
episode. I feel that it was  
a perfectly legal and logical  
means of exposing officials  
whose motives are not for  
the benefit of the office  
they hold, but who use  
the office and privileges  
accorded them to personal  
devious and illegal self  
enrichment. Thank God  
for the FBI in our country  
Sincerely

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4/20/82  
**FBI chief defends Abscam**

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From Tribune wire reports

*Oakland Tribune*

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Mr. William H. Webster  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of  
 Investigation  
 Washington  
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Public Relations - H. H. H. H.  
 Dear Mr. Webster -

Mr. William H. Director, F.B.I. Washington  
 I feel I must let you know that I am entirely in agreement with you on Alzcam & I resent the Congress forming a Committee to investigate the F.B.I. methods.

I have written to Congressman Forsythe & Sen. Bradley how I feel about this.

Keep up the good work.

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Washington -  
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Mr. William Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. - 200..

Dear Mr. Webster:

*Public Response re Abscam*

On page 64 of the May 3 issue of U.S. News & World Report, I note that the FBI is catching flak on its recent Abscam ploy.

With some amusement, I note, also, that the Congressmen quoted in the article as critics are all Democrats, as were all but one of the Abscam convictees.

May I point out, as a practical matter, that no animal is going to get "entrapped" if he does not first stick his paw in after the bait.

My overdue thanks to you and the FBI for many years, past and future, of diligent, vigilant protection of this nation against its enemies.

Cordially,

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# The Ambassador

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*A* Public Response Re ABSCAM  
Dear Mr. Webster:

Recently in L.A. Times, I read front page story about your agency possibly using ABSCAM again. Well, as a good, conscientious & responsible citizen, I must voice my opinion on this matter. I feel thousands of Americans feel the least ABSCAM was successful and necessary. There is corruption in many halls of Congress and it is the duty and responsibility of your agency to find and remove those corrupt elected officials who only spoil and ruin our democratic form of government. I feel it may be prudent and necessary to conduct another ABSCAM again directed towards elected officials of Congress. Attached is copy of L.A. Times front page. If you wish to write to me, please address reply to my home address only:

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Please assure your agents they are doing a great, fantastic job in pursuing the freedom liberty we all enjoy in America.

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A Native Son of California!

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# Los Angeles Times

Monday, April 19, 1982

## FBI Might Use Abscam Again

### No Innocents Trapped in Probe, Director Says

By RONALD J. OSTROW and ROBERT L. JACKSON

Times Staff Writers

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—The FBI uses "con men" and others with criminal records in such investigations because that is what it takes to catch the guilty. "Abscam was purposely sleazy so that no one would stick around it, except someone who wanted to deal with

#### Congressmen 'Self-Selected'

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#### Now Free to Speak

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Webster hotly rejected Cranston's contention that Abscam had "totally out of control." He said the charge, which Cranston made during debate over Williams' proposed expulsion from the Senate, was leveled "in a moment of rhetoric and emotion . . . unsubstantiated by the actual facts."

"No one ever said where it was out of control," Webster said. And he noted that U.S. District Judge George H. Pratt of Brooklyn issued a 134-page opinion last July that upheld the conduct of FBI agents in Abscam.

It was when he was asked whether the FBI would ever conduct another investigation like Abscam that Webster said: "We will use the same tactics if we find out that there is a problem."

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Mr. Webster Public Response to Abscam

Just a note to add another  
small voice of encouragement to you  
and the FBI Staff to continue  
to expose fraud and corruption —  
— especially in "high places" —  
like the Congress.

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# Abscam purposely 'sleazy,' FBI director says

By RONALD J. OSTROW  
and ROBERT L. JACKSON  
Globe-Democrat-Los Angeles Times  
News Service

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Director F.B.I.

William Webster

Public Response re Abscam

Dear Mr. Webster,

I would like to congratulate you and the entire F.B.I. for a job "well done", in regard to the recent Abscam matter.

Mr. Webster, I have written my congressmen and Senators and expressed to them in language they can understand, just how I feel about how they conducted themselves in their proceedings. Senator Williams should have been punished to the fullest extent of the law. It was an outright national disgrace.

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I notice not a one of our representatives has had the principal about them to thank you. I assure you Sir, this will be remembered by me at election time.

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Keep up the good work. I hope you catch every damn one of them. I thank you again and the entire organization.

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F. B. I.

Director Webster

Washington, D.C.

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Office Response Re: AB-100

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Re: - Read in Tuesday local paper  
your interview with the press. I was  
happy that you were firm in your  
comments about abscon etc. If we are  
to have clean Govt. nothing should  
change that course. When people felled  
Faul, that made me sick. For an  
Honest man, must be honest all the  
way. No temptation, material etc  
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should change that. You can  
ask Congressmen Tent of N.Y.  
I write of wanting an  
honest + clean Govt for all.

Keep up the Good Work.

Sincerely  
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DOJ  
March 29, 1982

Ronald Reagan, President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

Public Response Re: ABSCAM

It grieves me to write this type of letter to you, but I feel I must. I am appalled that the people who are supposed to enforce the law are flagrantly violating the exact laws that they are supposed to be enforcing.

Just the other day, March 25, 1982, an FBI agent grabbed an attache case from a citizen in Chicago. This agent committed a forcible felony theft under the guise of gaining evidence for a non-forcible crime of copying videotapes. How can the FBI justify this type of action???

In a second incident only a few days prior to the above mentioned one; a Chicago police officer under indictment caught an FBI informant with an illegal wire-tap. This is ILLEGAL by both Illinois and Federal law. With twelve days to go before the policeman's trial, why does the FBI and the U.S. Attorney feel it necessary to gain information by these devious means? Don't they have a solid case? If a regular citizen were to be caught with an illegal wire-tap, he would have an extremely difficult time proving himself innocent. Why is the FBI above the law? Is the police officer being unjustly charged just for the publicity and just so some agent can show enough street activity to keep his job? As the ABSCAM case showed, anybody can be tricked into committing crimes; if enough money is offered, even senators can be tricked into committing technical violations of the law. What right do Federal agents have to use these coercive measures? Are they immune to the law? Were the Federal laws and regulations made for everybody but Federal agents? Why must all other citizens strictly obey Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, but FBI agents and other special agents of the Government are excused from obeying them?

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms is another agency which seems to be detrimental to its existence. Do we need an agency to control abuses of alcohol and tobacco that barely exist? The third arm--firearms--seems to be the only thing the agency tries to enforce. But enforce what? Most violations are covered at a State level very adequately. So what happens. These agents create crime by entrapping honest citizens into committing technical violations. Can any of the Agency's investigations show where they help society? Are they just hurting citizens for being gun collectors?

What should be proud agencies of the Federal government have, for years, been weapons used against honest citizens to suppress injustices, coerce innocent people into illegal acts, and harrass common middle-class citizens into a state of fear against the Government and bewilderment that a Government for the common person is now so against him.

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It seems to be that the BATF harrasses citizens to justify a \$190 million budget; furthermore, it is almost impossible to own more than one gun and not violate one of their too-numerous and too-contradictory rulings.

For the hundreds of millions of dollars spent by just these two agencies, we get very little in return. Local police could handle almost everything there is to handle by these agencies for far less expense to taxpayers. Also, there would be far fewer crime because special agents would not be committing crimes. Agents would not be supplying money to people to bribe them into illegal activity, and agents would not be coercing people into doing things they ordinarily wouldn't do.

I want my tax dollars spent on helping people--not on hiring people to commit crimes!

Sincerely,

Illinois

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100 winners weekly

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# Chicago Tribune

Friday, March 26, 1982

## Bag theft leaves FBI red-faced again

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Inside

By Phillip Wattle  
and Ronald Koziol

AN FBI AGENT was caught Thursday catching a handbag at high noon on the sidewalk in a reported attempt to recover evidence. The agent, who was on duty at the agency with egg on his face for the second time in three days, said the FBI still was smarting from a blown tap attempt in a Southwest Side apartment Tuesday.

In that case, officials were tight-lipped about the handbag incident. But the account was pieced together from other sources:

Jesse Clugman flagged down a cab on Pearson Street just east of Michigan Avenue, and bent over to enter its back door.

As he did so, a man grabbed the handbag slung over Clugman's shoulder and sprinted down Michigan through the lunch-hour crowd with Clugman in hot pursuit.

Clugman caught the man and scuffled with him. A woman saw what was happening and, mistaking Clugman for the purse snatcher, began hammering on him with her own purse.

THE MFLKE ATTRACTED a large crowd, and someone called police. A squad car arrived and two officers took Clugman and the other man to the East

Chicago Avenue police station, 113 W. Chicago Ave.

Under questioning, the man who took the handbag identified himself at first as Mark S. McGee. Then detectives were called. Before they could arrive, "McGee" produced an FBI badge and identified himself as FBI agent Mark Binston.

Binston reportedly told the detectives he was involved in an investigation. Sources said Binston had grabbed the bag in the belief that it contained evidence connected with an investigation of videotape piracy.

THE DETECTIVES notified the top brass, and two deputy superintendents arrived at the station. After conferring with Binston and his superiors, who also

had been summoned, police released him and Clugman.

Later, in response to a reporter's question about the incident, the FBI read a statement to him over the phone:

"It is an official FBI investigation. There is no impropriety on the part of the agent. There will be no further comment made."

POLICE Supt. Richard Brzezczek said the FBI asked him to refer all media questions about the incident to that agency.

Brzezczek said he would honor the FBI's request because he understood it concerned a continuing investigation and because Clugman had not signed a com-

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Ald. Edward Vrdolya

**Phelps:**

Notre Dame coach D. said Thursday in N. that he knows of a

...in other  
areas," Michael Bronberg said.  
Patients are demanding the best and  
the latest, and doctors are ordering it  
for them, and this led to a record \$110  
billion in hospital costs for last year,  
federation President John Bedrosian  
of Los Angeles said.

The total bill for health  
care—including payments to hospitals,  
doctors, druggists and other providers  
of services—was a record \$274 billion.

"THE INSATIABLE quest for im-  
mortality makes patients demand the  
latest in high-technology treatment

...radiology department  
with state-of-the-art equipment."  
Artificial joints and other body  
parts, plus advanced and expensive  
surgery and treatment, are other de-  
velopments that help patients in their  
"quest for immortality," Bedrosian  
said.

Bedrosian is vice president of Na-  
tional Medical Enterprises, Inc., a  
company that owns and manages 80  
acute-care hospitals with 8,600 beds.

BROMBERG, EXECUTIVE director  
of the federation, said the growing  
elderly population is another reason  
why costs will continue to climb.

# Agent caught in theft leaves FBI red-faced

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plaint against Bingson.

Asked if Chugman could have been  
coerced into refusing to sign a complaint,  
Brzezczek said he would confer with his  
own commanders and the FBI in the next  
few days to determine whether the mat-  
ter was handled properly.

Deputy Police Supt. James O'Grady  
said police reports of the incident had  
been completed, but were not being made  
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ON TUESDAY NIGHT, a Chicago pol-

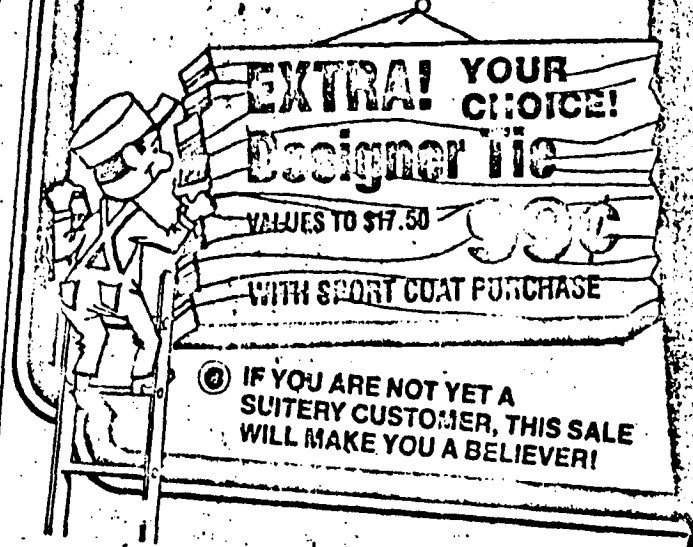
iceman awaiting trial and working as a  
security guard in the Home-Run Inn, 4254  
W. 31st St., surprised a man who tried to  
eavesdrop on him with an FBI-planted  
transmitter and wrested the device from  
him.

He stood his ground for 90 minutes  
before surrendering the transmitter. The  
policeman is one of 10 awaiting trial for  
accepting bribes from drug rings.

After that confrontation the FBI insist-  
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ent" of the reform bill, U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) arms "among the most vital rights recognized in the Bill of

im history of enforcement abuses to the rights of private citizens. The abuses are legion, and can only be corrected by major changes in the law itself."

testified before the committee. Submitting written testimony in support of the reform effort were U.S. Reps. John Ashbrook (R-OH) and Mike Synar (D-OK).



U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), who has chaired several Senate hearings on the abuses of gun owners, stresses that only through the enactment of S. 1030 can "we correct the deficiencies in the Gun Control Act."

#### Senate Support

Presiding over the hearings in the absence of Judiciary Chairman Strom Thurmond (R-SC), U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) heard testimony in support of the bill from Senators McClure, Quentin Burdick (D-ND), Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

U.S. Rep Harold Volkmer (D-MO), who introduced the reform bill in the House, also

Sen. DeConcini, who chaired oversight hearings in 1979 and 1980 on the Gun Control Act and its enforcement by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said that only through legislation such as S.1030 "could we correct the deficiencies in the Gun Control Act which I became aware of during previous hearings." Sen. DeConcini said that he was "dismayed at the abuse of gun owners" under the GCA '68.

were left largely untouched

"S. 1030's changes are sin good law enforcement. is no reason to prosecute citizen who has not willfully violated the law. There is no reason to withhold confiscated firearms after their owner has been cleared of all charges. Crime cannot be dealt with by arrests of law-abiding gun owners or by unreasonable search and seizure directed at legitimate gun collectors. It is dealt with by imposing strict penalties on those who choose to misuse firearms for criminal ends. S. 1030 does exactly that."

#### House Judiciary Opposition

While Sen. McClure's bill would probably clear the U.S. Senate with ease, its House counterpart, H.R. 3300 by Rep. Volkmer has been stifled in the House Judiciary Committee, which is chaired by gun control advocate U.S. Rep. Peter Rodino (D-NJ).

At the Dec. 9 Senate hearing, Rep. Volkmer said that despite his bill's 164 cosponsors he could not get a hearing for H.R. 3300 "because those in control (of the House Judiciary Committee) simply believe that no one should have guns."

"The intent of the Gun Control Act was to deny as many guns as possible to as many private citizens as possible. Unfortunately, that philosophy still exists today."

Asked by Sen. Grassley if Senate passage of the McClure bill would spark activity in the House, Rep. Volkmer replied: "Everything is resting on your shoulders."

In his statement to the committee, Rep. Ashbrook described the Gun Control Act of 1968 as "one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation ever sent to the President's desk. Fourteen years of miserable experience attest to that fact. In the wrong hands it is a deadly weapon against the security of innocent Americans. It is incumbent upon us to make amends."

heard from private citizens who detailed gross injustices which they had suffered because of the law and its enforcement by the BATF.

Committee members, press personnel and a near-capacity audience listened spellbound for more than 20 minutes while Richard Boulton of Monrovia, MD, testified that he had become a 12-count convicted felon because of actions which the BATF told him were completely legal.

Mr. Boulton, a former Maryland police officer and a decorated Vietnam veteran, was a Federally licensed firearms dealer who also collected commemorative firearms which he maintained independent of his business stock.

The Gun Control Act requires that licensed dealers record all firearm transactions in permanent records, but it allows private collectors and citizens to make personal transfers to individuals of their state of residence.

Mr. Boulton was convicted in 1976 of selling five guns from his personal collection without recording the transactions in his dealer records, a practice which he said was sanctioned by BATF and which he backs up with documentation.

"I asked BATF agents in Baltimore if I needed to record private transactions in my business records and two times I was told 'No.' Then they turned around and prosecuted me for doing exactly what they had okayed."

Documents produced by Mr. Boulton showed that the BATF had indeed made conflicting policy statements on the matter.

"They cannot even decide what I did was against the law," Mr. Boulton told the committee. "But in the meantime I am a convicted felon."

The former police officer, whose case is under appeal, testified that the ordeal had to date cost him over \$100,000 in legal fees and in lost income because employers had in the

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FR 1981, Mar. 27, 1973; 39 FR 18851, May 10, 1974; 39 FR 18761, May 30, 1974; 42 FR 34308, July 5, 1977; 44 FR 48954, Aug. 21, 1979; 44 FR 63081, Nov. 2, 1979]

### Subpart B—The Excepted Service

#### § 733.201 Jurisdiction.

Sections 733.111-733.124 apply to an employee in the excepted service. It is the responsibility of the employing agency to investigate and decide allegations of prohibited political activity on the part of such an employee.

### Subpart C—The U.S. Postal Service

#### § 733.301 Jurisdiction.

Sections 733.101 (c), (d), (e), and (f) through 733.124 apply to an employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

5 S.C. 7701, et seq.)

44 FR 48954, Aug. 21, 1979]

## PART 735—EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

Note: Part 1001 added to this chapter, 31 FR 873, January 22, 1966 and revised 32 FR 11113, Aug. 1, 1967 and 36 FR 6974, Apr. 9, 1971, supplements this Part 735.

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## Chapter I—Office of Personnel Management

AUTHORITY: Secs. 602, 701, 702; E.O. 11222, 3 CFR, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 306, unless otherwise noted.

SOURCE: 33 FR 12487, Sept. 4, 1968, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 735.101 Purpose.

The maintenance of unusually high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and conduct by Government employees and special Government employees is essential to assure the proper performance of the Government business and the maintenance of confidence by citizens in their Government. The avoidance of misconduct and conflicts of interest on the part of Government employees and special Government employees through informed judgment is indispensable to the maintenance of these standards. To accord with these concepts, this part sets forth OPM regulations under which each agency head shall issue regulations covering the agency's employees and special Government employees, prescribing standards of conduct and responsibilities, and governing statements reporting employment and financial interests.

#### § 735.102 Definitions.

In this part:

(a) "Agency" means an Executive agency (other than the General Accounting Office) as defined by section 105 of title 5, United States Code, the Postal Service, and the Postal Rate Commission.

(b) "Employee" means an employee of an agency, but does not include a special Government employee or a member of the uniformed services.

(c) "Executive order" means Executive Order 11222 of May 8, 1965.

(d) "Person" means an individual, a corporation, a company, an association, a firm, a partnership, a society, a joint stock company, or any other organization or institution.

(e) "Special Government employee" means a "special Government employee" as defined in section 202 of title 18, United States Code, who is employed in the executive branch, but does not include a member of the uniformed services.

(f) "Uniformed services" has the meaning given that term by section 2101 of title 5, United States Code.

[33 FR 12487, Sept. 4, 1968, as amended at 36 FR 11999, June 24, 1971]

#### § 735.103 Applicability to members of the uniformed services.

This part, except this section, is not applicable to members of the uniformed services. Each agency having jurisdiction over members of the uniformed services shall issue regulations covering those members and regulating their ethical and other conduct and the reporting of employment and financial interests in a manner consistent with the Executive order and this part.

#### § 735.104 Issuance, approval, and publication of agency regulations.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, each agency head shall prepare, and submit to OPM for approval, regulations in accordance with this part that:

(1) Implement the requirements of law, the Executive order, and this part; and

(2) Prescribe additional standards of ethical and other conduct and reporting requirements that are appropriate to the particular functions and activities of the agency and are not inconsistent with law, the Executive order, and this part.

(b) After OPM approval each agency head shall:

(1) Submit the agency's regulations to the FEDERAL REGISTER for publication;

(2) Furnish each employee and special Government employee a copy of the appropriate agency regulations (or a comprehensive summary thereof) within 90 days after approval;

(3) Furnish each new employee and special Government employee a copy of the appropriate agency regulations (or a comprehensive summary thereof) at the time of his entrance on duty;

(4) Bring the appropriate agency regulations to the attention of each employee and special Government employee annually, and at such other times as circumstances warrant;

(5) Assure the availability of counseling to each employee and special

and have available for review by employees and special Government employees, as appropriate, copies of laws, executive order, agency regulations and pertinent OPM regulations, instructions relating to ethical conduct.

Agency regulations issued under this part are effective only after approved by OPM and publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

Requests for approval of agency regulations to be issued under this part shall be directed to the Office of Personnel Management, Office of the General Counsel, Washington, D.C.

This section applies to any regulation of agency regulations issued under this part.

An agency head who does not find it feasible to prepare agency regulations under this part because of the small number of his employees, or for other reason acceptable to OPM, may exempt the regulations in this part from application, as appropriate, to the agency and special Government employees of his agency if:

(a) Agency regulations issued under this part shall establish a system for the review of statements of employment and financial interests submitted under Subpart D of this part. The system of review shall be designed to disclose conflicts of interest or apparent conflicts of interest on the part of employees and special Government employees.

(b) The system of review established under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide that, when a statement submitted under Subpart D of this part or information from other sources indicates a conflict between the interests of an employee or special Government employee and the performance of his services for the Government and when the conflict or appearance of conflict is not resolved at a lower level in the agency, the information concerning the conflict or appearance of conflict shall be reported to the agency head through the counselor for the agency.

(c) The employee or special Government employee concerned shall be provided an opportunity to explain the conflict or appearance of conflict.

(d) Each agency head shall designate deputy counselors for the agency's employees and special Government employees. Deputy counselors designated under this section shall be qualified and in a position to give authoritative advice and guidance to each employee and special Government employee who seeks advice and guidance on questions of conflicts of interest and on other matters covered by this part.

(e) Each agency shall notify its employees and special Government employees of the availability of counseling services and of how and where these services are available. This notification shall be made within 90 days after approval of the agency regulations to be issued under this part, and periodically thereafter. In the case of a new employee or special Government employee appointed after this notification, notification shall be made at the time of his entrance on duty.

#### § 735.106 Reviewing statements and reporting conflicts of interest.

(a) Agency regulations issued under this part shall establish a system for the review of statements of employment and financial interests submitted under Subpart D of this part. The system of review shall be designed to disclose conflicts of interest or apparent conflicts of interest on the part of employees and special Government employees.

(b) The system of review established under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide that, when a statement submitted under Subpart D of this part or information from other sources indicates a conflict between the interests of an employee or special Government employee and the performance of his services for the Government and when the conflict or appearance of conflict is not resolved at a lower level in the agency, the information concerning the conflict or appearance of conflict shall be reported to the agency head through the counselor for the agency.

(c) The employee or special Government employee concerned shall be provided an opportunity to explain the conflict or appearance of conflict.

#### § 735.107 Disciplinary and other remedial action.

(a) Agency regulations issued under this part shall provide that a violation of the agency regulations by an employee or special Government employee may be cause for appropriate disciplinary action which may be in addition to any penalty prescribed by law.

(b) When, after consideration of the explanation of the employee or special Government employee provided by § 735.106, the agency head decides that remedial action is required, he shall take immediate action to end the conflicts or appearance of conflicts of interest. Remedial action may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Changes in assigned duties;
- (2) Divestment by the employee or special Government employee of his conflicting interest;
- (3) Disciplinary action; or
- (4) Disqualification for a particular assignment.

Remedial action, whether disciplinary or otherwise, shall be effected in accordance with any applicable laws, Executive orders, and regulations.

#### Subpart B—Agency Regulations Governing Ethical and Other Conduct and Responsibilities of Employees

#### § 735.201 Specific provisions of agency regulations.

Agency regulations issued under this subpart, as a minimum, shall contain provisions covering the standards of and governing the ethical and other conduct of its employees set forth in §§ 735.202 through 735.210.

#### § 735.201 Prohibited actions.

An employee shall avoid any action, whether or not specifically prohibited by this subpart, which might result in, or create the appearance of,

- (a) Using public office for private gain;
- (b) Giving preferential treatment to any person;
- (c) Impeding Government efficiency or economy;
- (d) Losing complete independence or impartiality;
- (e) Making a Government decision outside official channels; or

(f) Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of the Government.

#### § 735.202 Gifts, entertainment, and favors.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (f) of this section, an employee shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan, or any other thing of monetary value, from a person who:

(1) Has, or is seeking to obtain, contractual or other business or financial relations with his agency;

(2) Conducts operations or activities that are regulated by his agency; or

(3) Has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of his official duty.

(b) Agency regulations implementing paragraph (a) of this section may provide for such exceptions as may be necessary and appropriate in view of the nature of the agency's work and the duties and responsibilities of the employees. Appropriate exceptions which may be made by an agency include, but are not limited to, those that:

(1) Govern obvious family or personal relationships (such as those between the parents, children, or spouse of the employee and the employee) when the circumstances make it clear that it is those relationships rather than the business of the persons concerned which are the motivating factors;

(2) Permit acceptance of food and refreshments of nominal value on infrequent occasions in the ordinary course of a luncheon or dinner meeting, or other meeting or on an inspection where an employee may properly be in attendance;

(3) Permit acceptance of loans from banks or other financial institutions on customary terms of finance proper and usual activities of employees, such as home mortgage loans; and

(4) Permit acceptance of unsolicited advertising or promotional material, such as pens, pencils, note pads, calendars and other items of nominal intrinsic value.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) An employee shall not solicit a contribution from another employee for a gift to an official superior, make

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Full Response re Abscam

Yon Wm H. Webster  
Director F. B. I.

Hear Judge,

Congratulations on your position as  
 set forth in Monday's Los Angeles Times. I  
 wholeheartedly support your view that  
 "Sleazy" people will attract "Sleazy" types  
 even in Politics and Government. 4/11/82  
 I abhor the leaks as "Jack Anderson's"  
 acquisition of the taped conversations  
 between President Reagan and Sec. of State  
 Alexander Haig. Can your department not

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and commitment are so vital.

Press on! God Speed, b-6

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Dear Mr. Webster,

I'm enclosing a letter, copy of which is being sent to Senators:

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Want you to be encouraged  
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Sincerely,

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 Iowa  
March 26, 1982

Dear Senator Baker.

I am writing to you about the "impartial investigation" of the FBI Abscam case.

Here we have 7 Congressmen convicted of criminal charges, so the FBI has to be investigated! That's about par for this upside down world. "From my desk" (the kitchen table) the ones hollering against the FBI on that score are fearful of their own hides, and don't want to sacrifice their options at their present rate of influence peddling, outright crimes or reasonable facsimiles.

Who hollers at police but the outlaws? Someone said recently that Congress responds to pressure not reason. To pay these people the respect of having an investigation is so ridiculous I can't think of a word that would adequately express my anger, contempt and grief at our peoples representatives. I thought we hit bottom on that when the FBI men were creamed for spying on and infiltrating the Weathermens traitorous activities. I feel that scenario would have concluded quite differently if House or Senate and or Inhabitants had been bombed a little here and there.

An "impartial Abscam Probe"? The very name denies itself. I am so sorry this chapter has to be added to their grief! What a wonderful way to break down their morale some more, so it's better, easier and safer for them to just do nothing. Cheers! Fix bayonets and charge! Who is the enemy anyway?

I say lets have some more Abscams and get rid of these preying mantises!

Sincerely Yours,

*FBI Director Wm Webster*  
*FBI Building*  
*Washington, DC 20535*

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April 23, 1982

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Dear Mr. Webster: ~~OUTSIDE SOURCE~~

I am writing to you out of a deep concern for the tremendous job of law enforcement in our land. ~~YOUR AGENCY, THE FBI, HAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLES TO FILL IN THAT AREA. ONLY~~ ~~PUBLIC RESPECT~~ God knows how desperately we need the powers of evil to be properly dealt with.

For many months I have followed the Abscam investigations, trials, hearings and now the most recent interview you gave to two reporters from the L.A. Times. Frankly, in everything I have heard and read so far there are still many unanswered questions that bother me very much.

If these "con men" with criminal records can be used to trip up Congressmen who for the most part are serving their country, why can't the real power bases of organized crime also become targets? Why so much time, work, money, manpower etc. to find out leaders

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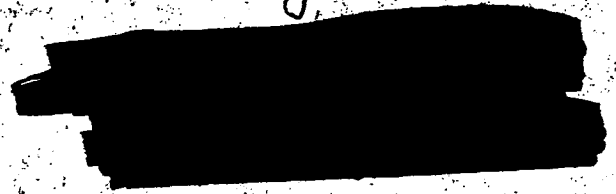


who have certain latent weaknesses that can be exploited? What about the ones who are making billions bringing illegal drugs into our country? This "business" is destroying millions of lives. What about the slavery traffic of young girls into forced prostitution? The abuse of children in pornography? If it is true that organized crime in our country is a multi-billion dollar business then shouldn't the greatest emphasis, priority, effort and investment be made in apprehending, arresting and prosecuting those in the leadership of this "society".

I hope and pray this is your desire and goal for the FBI, the organization that America depends on

to help keep us safe and strong. (I grew up in the old "radio days" of the FBI programs).

Sincerely yours,

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# FBI director defends Abscam investigation

Los Angeles Times Wire Service

WASHINGTON — Breaking a long, self-imposed silence, FBI Director William H. Webster has strongly defended the FBI's controversial Abscam investigation and has made clear he would use the same undercover tactics again, if necessary.

With firmness and occasionally some heat, Webster declared that "we will always follow our leads." He dismissed allegations that the investigation, which resulted in the conviction of seven members of Congress on bribery and other charges, somehow trapped innocent men.

During a 90-minute interview in his office last week with two Los Angeles Times reporters, the FBI chief and former federal judge offered point-by-point replies to criticism of Abscam by Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) and others.

In rapid-fire order, he said that:

- The FBI uses "con men" and others with criminal records in such investigations because that is what it takes to catch the guilty.

"Abscam was purposely sleazy so that no one

## Webster says bureau would use tactics again

would stick around it, except someone who wanted to deal with sleazy people," he said.

- Abscam did not set out to investigate members of Congress but instead began as an attempt to catch art thieves. As the inquiry developed, it moved into other areas and congressmen walked into the net. "We did not select any congressmen," Webster said. "They were self-selected. They found their way to us."

- Anyone who listens to the FBI tapes of meetings between public officials and undercover agents will learn the extent of the corruption.

"If you hear those tapes, you get some idea of how blatantly corrupt those discussions were. There wasn't anything cov about them."

- Through letters, the public has let the FBI know that it wants the bureau to continue investigating corruption in high places. "The message is: Don't let anybody stop you," Webster said.

In the Abscam probe, which resulted in the convictions of Sen. Harrison A. Williams, who resigned his seat March 11, six House members and 11 others, FBI agents posed as representatives of a fictitious Arab sheik who was willing to pay cash for legislative favors, including help in gaining permanent entry into the United States.

Webster said he had been "necessarily constrained" in discussing the extraordinary investigation. But with the completion of virtually all trials, and as House and Senate committees prepare for inquiries into the methods used in Abscam, he said he felt free to talk about how the bureau managed the probe.

Webster hotly rejected Cranston's contention that Abscam ran "totally out of control." He said the charge, which Cranston made during debate over Williams' proposed expulsion from the Senate, was leveled "in a moment of rhetoric and emotion . . . unsubstantiated by the actual facts."

"No one ever said where it was out of control," Webster said. He noted that U.S. District Judge George H. Pratt of Brooklyn issued a 134-page opinion last July that upheld the conduct of FBI agents in Abscam.

It was when he was asked whether the FBI would ever conduct another undercover investigation of congressmen that Webster said, "The answer is, we will always follow our leads."

"We always have some operations going where some public official's name is in the works. It may be pure puff on the part of some confidence man, or it may be real."

He added that the FBI has no investigation under way similar "to what happened in Abscam."

Webster defended the role of a particularly controversial Abscam figure, Mel Weinberg, a convicted "con artist" who helped undercover agents by introducing political figures to the bogus Arab businessmen.

"An undercover operation must have credibility with the criminals whom we are investigating," Webster said. "It's very, very difficult to develop that credibility overnight. And it is always difficult for men and women of the character of the FBI to be around someone long enough to convince them they are fellow criminals without some help."

# NEW YORK, NEW YORK



By JOHN McLAUGHLIN

what happened to Jennie would happen to her," Coley said on Friday.

When Coley went to the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan and asked that Barbera be put in protective custody, he was turned down, he said.

"They wouldn't even assign an FBI agent to look out for her. They told us this was a non-violent, white-collar type of crime and that Candor Diamond had nothing to do with what happened to Jennie," Coley said.

Thus, Margaret Barbera, who had entered a guilty plea in the case and who had agreed to testify against Margolies, spent the last three months of her life in a state of terror. It ended when the hit man surgically shot her behind the left ear.

Stephen Schlessinger, the assistant U.S. Attorney in charge of the case, denies that Barbera asked to be placed in protective custody. He points out there is no written record that she did. So you believe Schlessinger, who speaks with the authority of the government of the United States, or you believe Coley, who is representing an admitted felon.

I believe Coley.

If you were walking around with information which could convict somebody of an \$8 million swindle and your friend knew about it, too, and she was involved and was kidnaped and murdered, would you feel threatened? Would you look to the government for protection?

"All they would agree to was to close the hearing in March when Margaret pleaded guilty and agreed to be a government witness. That kept it off the record. But she could have been followed. She told me and I told Schlessinger that she was being followed," Coley said.

So, Barbera and Chin are dead and so are the three technicians and maybe the case against Margolies and Candor Diamond is dead, too.

Even in the unlikely event Schlessinger is telling the truth, why did it not occur to him that there might be a connection between Chin's abduction and the Candor case, given the fact that the Chin kidnaping took place near Barbera's home?

Steve Schlessinger and the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan and the FBI ought to know that this kind of thing doesn't happen only in movies. In San Antonio, Tex., five people were indicted on Thursday for trying to fix a drug case by murdering the federal judge who was to hear it.

In Newark, federal prosecutors charged on Tuesday that the mayor of Union City, who was recently convicted for racketeering, had been shopping around for somebody to knock off the main witness against him.

And, in Brook just one year ago, John Bennett, a retired businessman, was shot to death by two hit men as he was on his way to federal court to testify in the drug case against a couple of mobsters.

Last December, Lee Laster, the assistant director of the FBI in New York, was lamenting to a reporter about how tough it is to persuade citizens to testify in organized crime cases.

"They (the mobsters) couldn't exist without fear. If people would come forward, we'd make progress," he said.

Progress, anyone?

Anyone for suicide?

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Mr. William H. Webster

Director: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

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*Public Response to* [redacted] 111.  
May 19, 1982

*ABSCAM*

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Director Webster  
FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Well, you have finally gotten it in the face again. The judge ruled that the Abscam conviction was incorrect, and, I am most happy to note, he took special pains to point out the foul and rotten manner of the FBI activity. I don't uphold that man, or any other, for doing wrong. It is your position to stay out of the way and not try to police the world and keep the morals of the Nation. This is a display of what I call political Halitosis.

I have written you before on this, hoping you would make a public statement of policy that the FBI is brough with this cheap Abscam deal of entrapping people. Cut this out! You are acting like a bunch of chintzy politicians! It is not your job to police the good morals of the country.

How soon are you going to publicly announce that this cheap business of trying to entrap people is over with? Your over-blown and greatly publicized predecessor, J. Hoover, managed to put himself in the intellectual dog-house by trying to knock Martin Luther King Jr. over, and history will increasingly show that King will grow in stature for his accomplishments, while Hoover will be increasingly overlooked and forgotten. You should not follow Hoover's foot steps. Clean house of the cheap activity and you will help your own image and that of the FBI. Let the motto be: No more halitosis!

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Yours,

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Mr. William Webster  
Director FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Webster,

*Public Response Re Abscam*

In behalf of my wife, [REDACTED], and myself I am writing to advise you that we stand one hundred per cent behind you in the operation and conduct of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I think your so called "ABSCAM" operation was absolutely temendous.

I only hope that you ferret out more of the crooks and rats that infest our Nation's Capitol.

✓ Whatever happened to the money paid out? Is it recoverable?

It is too bad that you have to waste a busy schedule by being subjected to questioning, and probably sarcasm, by such a group the civil libertarians. Oh! well as the saying goes, it goes with the territory.

We just want you know we support you and ask that you keep up the good work.

Yours, truly

A tax Paying Citizen  
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Dear Mr. Webster.

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I read in the news paper, you hold up the T, B, D. about the Alscarn. I am pro. for the same I would like to know if you are going to Nol-Prose, Rep. Hughes also from New Jersey like past senator Williams. I am a past native from N.J. New Brunswick N.J. where the large marconi wireless station was, they say it is now down the saritan bay (snug harbor) I am a W. W. I. veteran of the national guard of [REDACTED] doughboy boy regiment. I am called it because it was N.Y.

Public Response Sincerely.  
Re. [REDACTED]

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Director William Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

Public Response to the

Although time considerations have long delayed our writing you, we would like to congratulate you for undertaking the Abscam investigation, and urge you to continue to conduct such investigations, using the same methods as in Abscam, and including members of Congress — no one should be beyond investigation, i.e., too highly placed. If their fingers aren't in the till, they wouldn't have anything to worry about!

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Sincerely yours,

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There's no need to respond to this letter (started with a failing pen).

I know that many of us in the  
boondocks feel that Abbeam was a  
very helpful operation, and very protective  
for our nation.

Sincerely yours,

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COPY OF LETTER SENT TO SENATOR JOHN TOWER

TEXAS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

April 27, 1982

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Senator John Tower  
United State Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Tower:

PUBLIC RESPONSE Re ABSCAM

Thank you for your letter of April 9, 1982 explaining how Ex-Senator Williams left your chamber.

The only subject for debate concerning this matter should have been how much more should be appropriated to the F. B. I. to continue this type of operation to eliminate any others who are representing the people and are engaging in crooked maneuvers to secure money from those demanding favors.

Let us have some more ABSCAM work with the cooperation of the honest senators and representatives.

Now that Ex-senator Williams was allowed to resign he will probably receive a tax free pension for serving the people so nobly.

Yours sincerely,

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[Redacted Signature]  
Copy to Head of F. B. I.

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TEXAS

May 3, 1982

John Chancellor  
c/o NBC Nightly News  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York City, New York 10020

William H. Webster  
Director, FBI  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I disagree with your opinions on Abscam.

How else can we catch these people?

The fact that someone who should be caught is not and the fact that someone is selected arbitrarily are not good reasons for <sup>not</sup> trying to deter crime.

I hope the FBI promotes a continuing program of this type.

Sincerely,

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Public Response Re  
ABSCAM

XC: Ronald Reagan, President of the United States  
Rueben Frank, President, NBC News Operations  
William H. Webster, Director FBI

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May 17, 1982

Mr. Roger S. Young  
Assistant Director in Charge  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs  
US Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Young:

I am absolutely outraged by U.S. District Judge William Bryant's decision to free Rep. Richard Kelly of all criminal charges involved in the Abscam investigation.

Again, some people are apparently above the law.

Again, the law enforcers do their work and the judge sets the guilty persons free.

I just feel so damned frustrated about such situations and yet these judges must answer to someone. Who? Whom can I write to to express my opinion?

63-17561-502  
Sincerely,

ENCLOSURE

16 JUN 2 1982

Off. of Cong. and Pub. Affs.

# Ex-Lawmaker's Conviction In Abscam Overturned

By ROBERT SHOGAN  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has dismissed all criminal charges against one of the seven members of Congress convicted in the Abscam investigation, adding to the legal and political controversy surrounding the FBI's conduct of the case.

U.S. District Judge William Bryant's decision to free former Republican Rep. Richard Kelly of Florida does not directly affect the fate of the other five former House members and former Sen. Harrison Williams of New Jersey. They are appealing their convictions separately.

(Former Rep. John Jenrette, D-S.C., was one of the congressmen convicted, and was defeated for



Kelly

reelection in 1980. Jenrette was contacted by his daughter, Elizabeth, in Florida Friday afternoon while he was on a fishing trip. She told the Associated Press that he said Bryant's decision gives him additional hope that his conviction will be overturned.)

Kelly's conviction in January 1981 on bribery and conspiracy attracted particular attention because he was the only Republican among the seven lawmakers convicted and because of the dramatic videotape, exhibited at the trial, showing him stuffing the bribery money into his pockets.

Another singular aspect of Kelly's case was his defense that he was conducting his own investigation of the bribery scheme in which he was implicated.

Bryant conceded that he was himself "disappointed and chagrined" at watching Kelly shove \$100 bills into his pockets. And he characterized the former congressman's defense as "bizarre"

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April 28, 1982

William H. Webster  
Director, F.B.I.  
J. Edgar Hoover Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C.

OUTSIDE S

Dear Sir:

I have recently read of your determination to investigate crime, regardless of who may be involved, as in the "Abscam" affair.

This is very heartening, and I applaud you for this stand. We need more rather than less investigations of "rip-offs" by those in the public trust.

Respectfully,

*OK* *Response Re Abscam*

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Mr. William Webster  
Director F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Mr. Webster:

This is to advise you that our office is in complete agreement with the so-called Abscam investigation conducted through your office. You have our full support.

Very truly yours,

LWM:hh  
cc-Senator Alan Cranston  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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CA. [REDACTED]  
May 5, 1982

William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Thank you for the ABSCAM work. Please continue such programs. The major source of most of the country's problems can be traced to widespread political corruption among our elected officials.

On the one hand we see billions of dollars spent to beef up our military forces supposedly to ward off a direct military attack while at the same time the country is being effectively invaded every year by millions of illegal aliens. I think even the F. B. I. would be surprised at the full extent of kick backs to elected officials from defense contractors, foreign politicians benefiting from our aid programs and from interest groups (blood suckers) representing illegal aliens. There is no way that the illegal alien problem and other widespread, organized crime could go on without the corruption among elected officials at all levels of government. Congress, especially, has become a cesspool of corruption, and most everybody knew it long before ABSCAM. The corrupt politicians are uncomfortable following ABSCAM, and they should be. They have organized congressional hearings to intimidate you and your agents because of the ABSCAM convictions. Please don't let them prevent you from conducting such investigations.

Thank God for the F.B.I. Thank God for ABSCAM, and thank God for videotapes!!

Please convey my deepest thanks to your personnel, especially those who worked on ABSCAM.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

cc: Sen. Alan Cranston  
Sen. S. I. Hayakawa

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tado Sr. was "concerned" when officers told him that his 62-year-old sister Zeida's 1978 Pontiac had been found in a Milpitas park with a woman's body in the trunk. And when Furtado learned that the body indeed was Zeida's — and that police believed his own 16-year-old son, Donald Jr., had mur-

"I'll tell you the whole thing: I won't add, I won't take away," the 66-year-old retired farmer said. A toothless man with blazing, round green eyes, Furtado thrust an accusing finger toward the truller that had been his sister's home.

pointing and stamping his foot. "Eighty percent of it... I tell you, my sister's gone, I will say the truth," he said. "My sister did not use good judgment. You can take the best animal in the world. But if you attack that animal day after day, one day it will surely attack

instrument outside her trailer in Fremont. Reports submitted by the officers who arrested him say the body later was wrapped in blankets and dumped in the trunk of her cream-colored car. Both car and corpse were abandoned in Ed Levin Park in Milpitas, 10 miles

spot where the car was found. nesses said there was a Davidson tattoo — "Live — Ride to Live" — on it arm.

Two weeks ago, Superior Judge Lawrence Terry told tado unfit to be tried in it nile court system. A charge was refilled in Santa County Municipal Court, a tado was arraigned there tward. He was transferred Juvenile Hall to the Santa County Main Jail, with bail \$100,000. He was scheduled ter a plea today.

Zeida Marie Furtado, an by-line worker at an Oak company, bought a white last fall. She moved it onto of land that her father, a Portugal, had bought in 1 had bequeathed to her brother.

After Zeida had moved, brother and nephew built a picket fence around the separating it from the redwood house. At the same time, Donald Jr. had a tiny room on the side house. His double-locked stood only 20 feet from the fence.

"At first, it was perfect," father said. "But then, a few months ago, she started nervous, getting irritated. A short-haired, husky, who had no children married, Zeida kept to her avoided most of the Furtado family, according to Donald Sr. Rosemary. At the same Rosemary said, the boy's a to harranguing him, keeping over his door and chiding friends from the property. "He couldn't even step room — shed attack him

# → Social Security cards — key to kingdom

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Social Security cards — dubbed "the key to the kingdom" by investigators — are commonly counterfeited or stolen for use by illegal aliens to get jobs and collect unearned benefits.

The General Accounting Office estimates the scandal costs taxpayers \$15 billion a year in benefits paid to unqualified applicants. Federal employees and private citizens, such as travel agents, peddle the cards for up to \$200 each to

thousands of undocumented aliens who use them to get jobs, according to government investigators.

Illegals also are known to use the cards fraudulently to collect unemployment and welfare checks, food stamps and retire-

ment benefits. U.S. citizens capitalize as well on loose distribution of the cards, by sometimes collecting unemployment checks with one card

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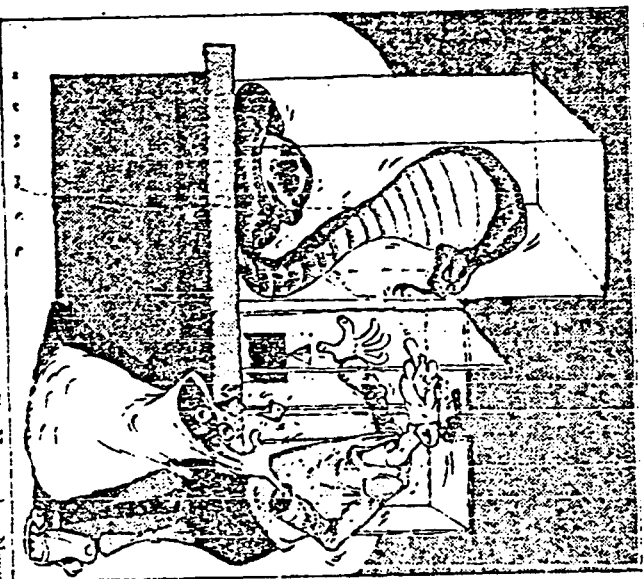
## Cobra's gem safe in heist

LONDON (UPI) — Jewel thieves, apparently intimidated by a venomous cobra put in a cage to protect a 583-carat sapphire worth \$1.82 million, stole four less expensive stones in adjoining showcases unprotected by ser-

cents. Officials said the four blue sapphires, valued at \$25,000, disappeared during a tour by schoolchildren of the \$19.8 million exhibit at the Commonwealth Institute organized by the Sri Lankan high commission. The theft was disclosed Monday.

"It's a pity we didn't have poisonous snakes in the other cases," a high commission spokesman said.

"The locks of the case were intact when the sapphires were discovered missing, so we believe the thief had a key," an official said. The nearly 5-foot-long cobra was installed at the outset of the exhibition to protect the big sapphire.



Jim Hummel News

## Crash kills

### aerial ace

CLEVELAND (UPI) — The leader of the Air Force Thunderbirds aerobatics team was killed today in the crash of his T-38 Talon jet, which exploded in a "ball of fire" on takeoff from Burke Lakefront Airport and skidded into Lake Erie.

Authorities said both the pilot, Thunderbirds commander-leader Lt. Col. D.L. Smith, and his crew chief, Staff Sgt. Dwight Roberts, ejected from the flaming jet before it crashed into the lake.

Smith, 40, of Rossville, Ga., commander of the performing squadron for three years, was dead on arrival at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. Roberts' injuries were undisclosed.

Mike Barth, airport deputy commissioner, who saw the crash, said: "It skidded about 1,500 feet along the runway. It was a ball of fire all the way down the runway."

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with a commercial license. He is employed as a mechanic.

According to Silvers, Palmer appeared at the Harden home around 10 p.m. Sunday and told Harden he had access to an airplane and of-

ing," she said. "I still don't believe it."

Staff Writers Bill Romano and Calvin Stovall contributed to this report

# Illegal cards hold key to U.S. benefits

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while holding a job under a separate Social Security number.

Sources say one recent spot check showed 3 million people had two Social Security cards.

"Everything you can think of to do with the cards, they're doing," said one investigator. "A Social Security card is the key to the kingdom. To get any benefit, you need a number."

The government already has won convictions of scores of people caught in a nationwide probe, dubbed "Project Baltimore" because the Social Security Administration headquarters is there.

However, officials at the inspector general's office for the Department of Health and Human Services say most card cheaters go undetected because of lax procedures.

One source said the computer system's ability to check abuses is so weak that investigators cannot put a Social Security number in and find out who or how many people use it.

Another federal investigator, noting the Social Security Administration has only 120 investigators nationwide, asked: "Who's going to catch you?"

Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker declared in May all blank Social Security

cards would be returned to the central office. But blank cards remain in most of the agency's 1,400 field offices that have authority to issue duplicate cards.

Schweiker made the declaration when auditors found a stack of more than 1,000 blank cards lying on the floor in an unlocked area of a Social Security field office.

An HHS spokesman said, "They are under stricter lock and key measures now," but several agency officials said privately the security problem still exists.

Investigators have found evidence of careless supervision of those who distribute cards, loose procedures for validating applications and little effort to trace individuals fraudulently obtaining cards.

An inspector general's audit in New York and Washington last year found nearly half the cards in those cities were issued to aliens. About 20 percent of those were given to incorrectly coded individuals. Another 20 percent went to aliens not authorized to receive work-related numbers.

An investigator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service complained that all Social Security cards look identical, although "some are issued to aliens who don't have permission to work."

He said cards are often issued to aliens who say they need them to get insurance or put money in a bank. But they use the card to get a job.

"Anyone can go down to Tijuana and buy any number of Social Security cards now," said another INS official.

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THIS IS MY REPORT ON EMERALDS..CLEOPATRA OWNED LOTS OF EMERALDS BECAUSE SHE HAD HER OWN EMERALD MINE...



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May 16, 1982

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Dear J.B.L.

Enclosed, you will find an article which made me sick to my stomach!!! What is this Judge trying to do? Play God??? Public Response Re

It states in the article that "Kelby was convicted on Jan 26, 1981 by a Jury that watched Videotapes of him stuffing \$25,000 in cash into his pockets and telling under cover agents "It's a deal."

Bryant goes on to say that the "under-cover Agents create criminals" 63-1751-508

We believe that this Federal Judge is encouraging these WRONG DOERS to commit more WRONG DOING. I think it is time to investigate the judges who excuse the WRONG DOERS.

Remember, J.B.L. all the good citizens are on your side. Please let me know what you are going to do about this article. ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> the believe, the Judge's decision to be "repugnant" and not the abscam technique of testing the virtue of Politicians.

Sincerely yours

JUL 1 1982

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# Judge overturns Abscam guilt of ex-congressman

By ROBERT COHEN  
Star-Ledger Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A federal judge, calling the FBI's Abscam political corruption investigation "repugnant" and "outrageous," yesterday threw out the bribery and conspiracy conviction of former Rep. Richard Kelly of Florida.

The decision, which could be used to bolster the legal appeals of former New Jersey Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. and other convicted Abscam defendants, said the FBI operatives violated Kelly's rights by repeatedly trying to corrupt him after he initially turned down a bribe offer.

"If after an illegal offer is made, the subject rejects it in any fashion, the government cannot press on," said U.S. District Court Judge William Bryant. Bryant, in his 25-page opinion, said

the government conduct in the Kelly case was "constitutionally impermissible" and was "nothing short of outrageous" because of the "pursuit and pressure" that took place after the first corrupt overture was rejected.

The judge said he found the entire Abscam technique of testing the virtue of politicians to be personally "repugnant." If such procedures are to be used, however, Bryant said, they must not exceed the bounds of "fundamental fairness."

Kelly was convicted on Jan. 26, 1981, by a jury that watched videotapes of him stuffing \$25,000 in cash into his pockets and telling undercover agents, "It's a deal."

The former Republican congressman claimed he was conducting his own investigation when he accepted the

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Richard Kelly  
'Pursued' by FBI

## overturned by judge

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bribe. Bryant acknowledged this defense was "bizarre" and "nearly farcical," but he said the conviction cannot stand and the indictment must be dismissed because of the "offensive" actions by the undercover agents.

The judge, in addition, ordered a new trial for Kelly's co-defendants, Eugene Robert Ciuzio and Stanley Weisz.

Defense attorneys in the Abscam cases yesterday hailed the ruling, and suggested it will assist them in convincing other judges that the FBI violated the rights of the defendants.

George Koelzer, the attorney for Williams, said the decision "reinforces our belief that we have always held, that ultimately Sen. Williams will be vindicated."

Justice Department spokesman Tom Stewart said there is a "strong presumption" the government will appeal Bryant's ruling.

Besides Kelly and Williams, five other members of Congress, including former New Jersey Rep. Frank Thompson, were convicted in the Abscam probe. Former Camden Mayor Angelo Errichetti and a number of other public officials also were convicted as a result of the investigation. All are appealing their

Prior to Bryant's decision, the government had been successful in fending off challenges to the Abscam "sting" operation, which involved undercover agents who posed as Arab sheiks willing to pay bribes for official favors.

U.S. District Court Judge John P. Fullman voided the Abscam convictions of two Philadelphia city councilmen in 1980, but the entire U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals later reinstated those convictions and gave its sanction to the government's conduct.

In his decision yesterday, Bryant said operations like Abscam have no place in law enforcement.

He said the sole objective of the Abscam probe was to test the "virtue" of members of Congress who had no reason to be suspected of criminal conduct.

"Government agents, hard about the business of corrupting public officials who are free of suspicion, essentially subvert our government; and, on its face, this presents an unwholesome spectacle," said Bryant. "This is particularly true in the Kelly case."

The function of law enforcement is to prevent crime and catch criminals," said Bryant. "Conversely, law enforcement exceeds its bounds when it manufactures and creates criminals."

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[REDACTED] Virginia  
May 10, 1982

William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am writing to you in response to the many criticisms of the investigation you conducted entitled Abscam. I want to congratulate you on the expertise and professionalism used in your operation. Those who criticize you on your decision of using certain individuals in the investigation are simply in need of an escape. This is also true for those who feel your procedure was unethical. I congratulate you, for any honest congressman will not accept a bribe or commit any other unlawful act regardless of the amount offered or the way in which presented. I respect the courage you put forth in pursuing your investigation and compliment your enforcement of law and justice. Although my father is an agent, this does not have any bearing on my opinion that the Bureau should have the power necessary to ensure honesty and purity in Congress.

Respectfully, [REDACTED] b-6

Public Response  
Re Abscam

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# Abscam defended

OUTSIDE SOURCE

FBI Director William Webster, to his credit, doesn't seem to be intimidated by congressional threats over the Abscam investigation.

The FBI has taken much abuse in Congress for methods used in its undercover operation that resulted in the conviction of six House members and a senator on bribery and other charges. Committees of both the Senate and House have been appointed to inquire into Abscam.

The criticism was especially heavy in the Senate during the re-

cent ouster proceedings against New Jersey Democrat Harrison Williams, who resigned his seat rather than face a vote on expulsion.

Abscam, which used a fake Arab sheik and a former con man as part of the undercover probe, was called a "sleazy" operation by its critics. Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., contended that Abscam ran "totally out of control." Those who were indicted and convicted charged that they were "entrapped" by the FBI.

Webster denied during an interview the other day that the investigation was ever out of control. He said that Abscam was "purposely sleazy so that no one would stick around it except someone who wanted to deal with sleazy people." And he said that Abscam did not start out as an investigation of congressmen but that congressmen walked into it — "they found their way to us."

Webster also made the point that, contrary to congressional views, the public has indicated it wants the FBI to continue investigating corruption in high places. The message that has come through in letters to the bureau, he said, is "Don't let anybody stop you."

We hope Webster and the FBI continue to follow that advice rather than heed the warning from Capitol Hill, which clearly is "Leave members of Congress alone."

the "sleazy" ones are the Congressional people who bought hook, line & sinker

Public Response to Abscam

I do NOT object to paying tapes for Abscam operations

No get 'em! The more you catch the better off will be U.S.A.

I'll bet another area in which you can catch enough to start an Army would be the Defense Dept.

people who sub let contracts and procurement orders areas

Good Luck

Tell Congress to clean their own houses

No a/c wanted

has been awarded by letters 6/13/80 + 5/14/81 for his support of Abscam

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# Abscam conviction overturned

A U.S. district judge, exercising his authority to overturn a jury's verdict of guilty, today threw out all criminal charges against former Rep. Richard Kelly, R-Fla., in the FBI's Abscam undercover investigation.

Judge William B. Bryant said the government's conduct in the Abscam case "so deviates from real-world constraints that it (resulted) in a crime which never would have reached fruition but for the government's involvement."

## iescuchamos!

Gov. Bruce King and wife Alice will journey to Israel later this month. Aides say it is the first time they can remember the governor vacationing just before an election. But he'll be back in time to vote in the June 1 primary. . . . Gubernatorial hopeful Toney Anaya, object of some fierce campaigning, is sporting a lapel button urging readers to "Keep it clean."

## A LITTLE LEARY

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POOR RE-  
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## Weather

The spring cold snap that has dominated the city this week is ending. Warmer, drier weather is on its way. Details on Page B-14.

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Judge's decision,  
in our opinion,  
was wrong.

People I've talked  
to can not believe  
this erroneous  
decision to free  
a so called crook.

If they take under  
one circumstance  
they'll take under  
another.

What's wrong with

legalize (legalize) ENTRAMPMENT ? Planned  
or not, the guys are guilty.

APPEAL - APPEAL - and lets weed  
the crooks out of Congress.

Good Luck.

A Senior Citizen V<sup>6</sup>

P.S. People wonder how poor people  
elected to Congress become  
wealthy by time they leave.  
You show how & counts  
should protect you  
and not the  
Crooks

